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Algonquin Highlands
CAO Lorne Mitchell

Budgets are good news for taxpayers

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

In an effort to lessen the blow of huge increases in property assessments, felt hardest at the water's edge, both Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands found ways to significantly reduce the municipal tax rate while avoiding

cuts to services, say councillors and administrators from both townships.

In Algonquin Highlands, the municipal portion of the tax rate fell by 27 per cent, while in Minden Hills, the municipal tax rate fell a percentage point more.

When property assessments were released last fall, many

ratepayers, particularly waterfront residents whose property assessments increased an average of 35 per cent in Haliburton County, feared that the inflated assessments would result in major tax increases. That fear, says Minden Hills councillor Peter Oyler, chair of the municipality's finance committee, can

now be put to rest.

"Last year, we had several cottage association meetings and there were obviously a number of folks on many different lakes who were very concerned about the increased assessments," Oyler says, himself a waterfront resident. He adds that the Minden

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School will use teamwork to get through strike

by JENNIFER WILSON
Times Staff

With local elementary supply teachers threatening a strike as early as next week, the staff at Archie Stouffer Elementary School is ready to work as a team to avoid any disruption, says Joan Harpell, vice-principal of the school.

The Trillium Lakelands Occasional Teacher Local of the Elementary Teacher's Federation of Ontario (ETFO) has been negotiating with the Trillium Lakelands District School Board for months now, with a big focus on salary. Negotiations have been unsuccessful and, so far, there's no settlement.

If a settlement isn't reached by

the end of this week, supply teachers plan to strike on May 8, says Bill Martin, chief ETFO negotiator for Trillium Lakelands.

On average, says Martin, local supply teachers are making \$15 less per day than supply teachers in other boards. He adds that Trillium Lakelands is one of three boards out of 28 that

haven't reached a settlement with ETFO.

"There's no reason for a strike. They should be able to get to the table and reach a settlement if 28 out of 31 boards can."

He also says if the supply teachers do strike, it will be a "major disruption for the students" both in and out of the

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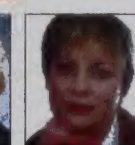
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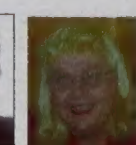
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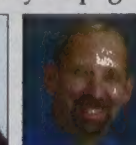
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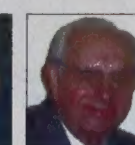
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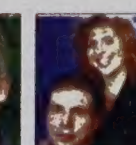
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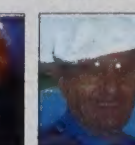
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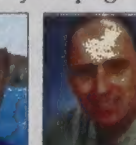
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A hard way to remember

Mother learns health cards must be renewed only when daughter needs help

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

Take out your provincial health card. If it's one of the old red and white ones, put it back and never, ever lose it. If it's one of the new cards with photo identification, check the expiry date. You don't want to be reminded that you have to renew the card every five years the way that Kerry Ranger was.

On the Sunday of the Easter weekend, her nine-year-old daughter Kirsten was playing on the outside deck of their house when Kirsten cut her finger on a nail.

When Kerry got home from work, she

took her daughter to the emergency department at the Minden health care site. The nurse swiped Kirsten's health card and was told, by the computer, that the card had expired.

The policy of Haliburton Highlands Health Services is never to refuse treatment. There's usually a \$70 up-front fee to see the doctor and then the patient is billed for whatever service follows. If you're an Ontario resident who's let your card expire, you keep the receipt and claim the amount as a refund. If you're a visitor to the province, you have to pay the fee.

But it's not that easy to renew your card. There's a mobile service offered by the Ministry of Health that makes periodic stops at the government centre in Minden. (Call 286-1521 to get the schedule.) There used to be a one-day-a-week clinic in Lindsay, but it was recently shut down. People are being asked to travel to the ministry office in Peterborough instead, angering local MPP Laurie Scott, a Conservative.

"The health card outreach services are essential to the people in rural communi-

ties," she says in a press release. "It's not just a matter of people getting on the TTC. This is yet another burden on the people in rural Ontario, with the rising fuel costs and having to arrange transportation."

She's lobbying the Ministry of Health to re-open the clinic.

Health cards cannot be renewed over the internet. Kerry Ranger had to drive to Bracebridge to get her daughter's card updated.

John Letherby is a spokesperson with the ministry. He says the Lindsay clinic was not being used enough to justify its continuation.

Photo i.d. health cards were introduced in 1995 to prevent fraud. Back when the old red and white cards were issued, he said, there was a personal connection between a patient and the healthcare provider. The doctor or receptionist would know whether the person whose name was on the card was the same as the person asking for service.

"Fast forward as demographics change and the population moves in and out," he says. "You're not seeing that same kind of

day-to-day interaction. Checks and balances were required so that who you say you are is who you are on the card."

People are notified that their card is going to expire two months before time on the card runs out. (Kerry Ranger doesn't recall receiving the letter.)

The onus is on the card holder to make sure it's up-to-date. Unfortunately, it's not like having your passport expire; holidays are planned so you know to check the passport's expiry day ahead of time. People don't plan medical emergencies. It's not until they show up at the hospital that they realize there might be a problem.

Healthcare providers can use their own discretion when someone comes in with an expired card, Letherby says. There's a form people can fill out at the hospital, a sort of testimonial that says they are who they say they are. This is then faxed to ministry for quick approval – during business hours, of course. And doctors, like those at HHHS, have been known to waive their fees.

For information, call 1-800-268-1154 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. or visit www.health.gov.on.ca.

Health unit gets tough on students who aren't immunized

More than 1,000 students in Northumberland and Haliburton counties and the City of Kawartha Lakes may face an unexpected holiday from school as the local health unit prepares to send out suspension notices for students without up-to-date immunizations.

Under the Immunization of School Pupils Act, health units across the province must ensure all students are immunized against the six legislated diseases: diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles,

mumps and rubella.

As part of that role, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit will be sending out suspension notices to families whose children aren't immunized on May 15. Schools will receive the suspension notices by May 23 and the first day of suspension will be May 26.

The only way a student may be exempted from being immunized is to have a statement of medical exemption or to provide an affidavit of a conflict with

conscience or religious belief.

"We do not want to suspend these students but, by law, they must be immunized against these diseases if they are to attend school," says Diane Dingman, director of communicable disease control for the district health unit.

Dingman thinks the number of suspension notices being mailed doesn't reflect the true number of area students not immunized. Instead, Dingman thinks many parents just don't realize that they

have to provide the health unit with the information.

Two notices were previously sent to parents and many parents have come to the Health Unit to provide the information.

"It's unfortunate that we have to send out final suspension notices, but this is the law and we have to follow-up to ensure that we either have all the information on students, that they are fully immunized or we have their exemption on file," says Dingman.

Garbage bag system begins with next tax bill

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

The following are brief notes from the April 27 meeting of Minden Hills council.

Beginning June 1, ratepayers of Minden Hills will have to label each bag of garbage with a municipality-issued tag. For 2006, 80 tags will be sent to residents with the spring tax bill. In 2007, to further encourage recycling in the township, only 52 tags will be issued free of charge. Additional tags can be purchased at the municipal office and the Scotch Line landfill site for \$1 each.

Library expansion

At the behest of Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch and Councillor Ron Buchanan, council has decided to enlist the services of architect Duncan Ross to investigate the feasibility of expanding the Minden Hills Cultural Centre to enlarge the library facilities.

Also, Ross is to investigate the Minden Times building, owned by Jack Brezina and rented by the Times, as a potential new home for the library.

There was also discussion about a new library facility being built across Bobcaygeon Road on the grounds of Archie Stouffer Elementary School. Council agreed, given that the school's library is not open full time, there was a potential benefit for both parties by relocating the library to the school grounds. Talks with the school board will follow as plans to expand the library or build a new facility continue.

Lutterworth Office

Council has also decided to hire Duncan Ross to investigate and prepare a cost analysis to retrofit the former Lutterworth township office for a dog pound on the lower level and to house the road superintendent, lunchroom and showers for the road works crew on the upper level.

Sunday hunting

Gerry Moraal, a senior biologist with the Ministry of Natural Resources, appeared before council to clarify the new Sunday hunting rules implemented by the MNR. Chiefly, Moraal told council that it is ultimately the decision of each council to be included in the Sunday hunting legislation.

Initially, Moraal said, the proposal (which Minden Hills council rejected in the spring of 2005) was to allow Sunday hunting on private lands. Then, this past winter, Minister of Natural Resources David Ramsay announced that Sunday hunting would be allowed on Crown lands in those municipalities that previously supported the private lands proposal.

Council did make it clear that they would continue to support their earlier position not to allow Sunday gun hunting in Minden Hills.

Considering the large Canada goose population in Minden Hills, Councillor Clayton Cameron asked whether Sunday hunting for waterfowl is being considered.

Moraal said that waterfowl seasons are set by the Canadian Wildlife Services, a federal government agency. The CSW has been discussing the possibility of Sunday hunting for some waterfowl species to lower nuisance populations in some areas of the country.

Lochlin Community Centre

Councillor Ron Buchanan informed council that the accessibility ramp at the Lochlin Community Centre has been repaired, but it remains unclear who is financially responsible for the construction of the ramp in the first place.

Currently, council is being asked to pay a percentage of the cost for the ramp's construction, while council maintains that the federal government was to pay the entire cost in preparation for the 2006 general federal election so that the Lochlin Community Centre could be used as a vote polling station.



A work of heart

In the spirit of Volunteer Appreciation Week, the residents council committee of Hyland Crest expressed their gratitude to the many dedicated volunteers who give their time to the residents with a tea party last Wednesday under the banner, "Volunteers: a work of heart." Enjoying the fare and drink are, from left to right, Lois Smith, Sue Reid, Norma Nobles and Patricia Scott (helping herself to a muffin).

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Rotary gets cultural

The Minden Rotary Club presents a cheque to the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Monday, May 1. From left to right, Rotary members Bill Roodenburg and Joanne Penfold, Rotary Club President Bill Obee, Cultural Centre Director Diane Graham, Collections Assistant Erin Kernohan and Museum Curator Carol Simmons.

Study identifies hundreds of faulty septic systems

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

It was no doubt a stinky job but Algonquin Highlands council believed that someone had to do it and so, for five years, consultants from BOS Engineering and Environmental Services personally inspected all 4,277 septic tanks in the municipality.

Their five-year report, recently completed to the tune of \$243,012, was presented to Algonquin Highlands council.

"This is one of the first municipalities in the province to undergo and complete a study of septic systems," said BOS's Brian Howden. "Several others have started but few have a completed report with the information collected in a database. [Algonquin Highlands] really is the front runner."

The purpose of the report, as Howden explained, is to provide a picture in time of sewage disposal in the municipality.

"This [report] is one of the most progressive attempts to get a handle on what types of systems are out there and what shape they are in," he said.

Using three categories to distinguish between the state of the septic systems in the township — "1" to describe properly functioning systems with no problems, "2" for systems requiring maintenance, and category "3" to describe systems with no problems but also no permit — BOS reported that the municipality's sewage is in relatively good hands.

In the year 2000, the initial findings of BOS revealed that, of the 4,277 septic systems in Algonquin Highlands, 2,500 were satisfactory, while 619 required action, either maintenance, repairs or replacing. Although not in need of costly repairs, in 2000 there were 1,158 septic systems where either no permit existed, or there was not enough information to properly include the system in the database being compiled for the township.

In 2005, the re-inspection of the sewage disposal systems in the municipality revealed that 2,936 systems were satisfactory, the increase mostly the result of former category "3" systems that had supplied more information. In 2005, only 493 systems were still in need of action. Of the latter, 265 were in need of upgrading or replacing and 228 systems were and still are in need of immediate action to avoid health risks. Of the 228 in need of immediate attention, Howden told council that 92 of those property owners had agreed to take the necessary action.

Another interesting finding of the report is that there are currently 221 steel septic tanks in Algonquin

Highlands. Not legally installed since the mid-1970s, BOS is urging all property owners with steel tanks to replace their systems as soon as possible. Because septic systems have a limited life span of 20-30 years, not only are all remaining steel tanks at the end of their service but also, as Howden noted, it has been found (the hard way no doubt) that steel tanks corrode and break down and do not, in fact, hold the sewage the way they should.

With the report in hand, the municipality must now decide what to do with the costly information it has just received. The first order of business, says the township's CAO Lorne Mitchell, will likely be following up on the systems that are in dire need of attention.

"We haven't really had time to evaluate a go-forward strategy," Mitchell says. "[In the study,] there were identified a couple hundred plus septic systems that require further follow up and review. I would anticipate that we will probably be sending out letters to those property owners trying to get that information."

But actual sewage is only one part of the puzzle. The report will also, if not primarily, be used to update the township's records.

"We are going to take the database and the information files that BOS has collected over the five years that they've been at this, and we are going to try to marry them with our existing property files both here and in the Dorset office so that our files are current and up to date with respect to all of that septic information," Mitchell said.

As Howden told council, the first step is to understand how sewage is being treated in the municipality. The next step is to work to improve that treatment by having properly functioning septic systems.

"It's a big job that's been turned over to us; we are actually only at the beginning of our process," said Reeve Eleanor Harrison upon receiving the report. "Now that [the study] has been turned over to us, it behooves us to move forward with this report. It's going to be a living document and it [the monitoring of septic systems] is never ending."

"Our public is much more aware of what they need to do," she added. "Overall, I think it's been very beneficial for the municipality to have that awareness raised."

Harrison hopes the study will help the municipality to one day have all properties' septic systems in proper working order and in compliance with the health and safety requirements put forth by the Ontario Building Code and the Health Act.

"That would be nice," she said.

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Of tax crises and councils

It must be an election year because two good news budgets, both achieving wildly impressive municipal tax rate cuts, are almost too good to be true. That's not to imply that municipal councils are not always doing their best for their ratepayers, but it appears that, with only six months until the next municipal election, no one wants to leave the sour taste of higher taxes in anyone's mouth.

But the budgets recently passed by Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands are not anomalies among municipal and county governments, not just in election years. That is especially true here in the heart of cottage country where local councils are having to be more mindful than ever of rapidly increasing property assessments of waterfront residents who continue, now on a yearly basis, to absorb a greater percentage of the tax burden.

But local budgets will remain wedded to lowering taxes, reducing levies and posing as little financial burden as possible on waterfront property ratepayers until the system of annually re-assessing property values for the purposes of taxation is changed, either by capping annual assessment increases, or by re-assessing a property's value only at the time of sale.

As was said by Ontario Ombudsman André Marin, MPAC is in a "credibility crisis" and has a deplorable accountability record as a Crown corporation. However, such criticisms fail to see the forest for the trees. MPAC's very modus operandi, and its raison d'être, that properties be re-assessed annually is absurd and it is creating local situations, here more prevalent than elsewhere, where large percentages of the population risk being unfairly taxed because of an inherently flawed system of levying taxes.

Municipal tax rates cannot always decrease. There are times when major expenses are necessary for the well-being of the township. What will happen next year when Minden Hills will be faced with the major cost of expanding the library's facilities or building a new library? The tax levy will have to increase, and the municipal tax rate may not decrease. Cottagers will be up in arms and they would be right to do so, arguing that they are not only paying for the majority of a library they will seldom use but also, with any increase in the tax rate, the tax burden shifts more onto their shoulders.

Also, given that provincial funding grants are always a crap shoot, it could well be the case that Algonquin Highlands will have to put its sewage treatment facility on hold for another year. According to cost estimates, the municipality will be looking at nearly \$1 million for that project and a lot of that funding, while not all of it, will have to come from the township's ratepayers. The tax rate will likely go up.

It is absurd to think that municipalities are continually bound to "needs not wants" budgets to make up for the mistakes made at the provincial government level. Taxation is meant to be progressive, yes, but it is also meant to be fair. Year-round residents and cottagers alike don't mind paying higher taxes if necessary, but only if the method of taxation spreads the burden fairly.

Make no mistake about it, it is an election year and our elected officials will have a lot to answer for at the polls. Not just the municipal councillors who will have to explain themselves and sell their good-news budgets, but it is also an election year for the McGuinty Liberals who will have to explain why they have purposefully created a taxation system with inherent unfairness.

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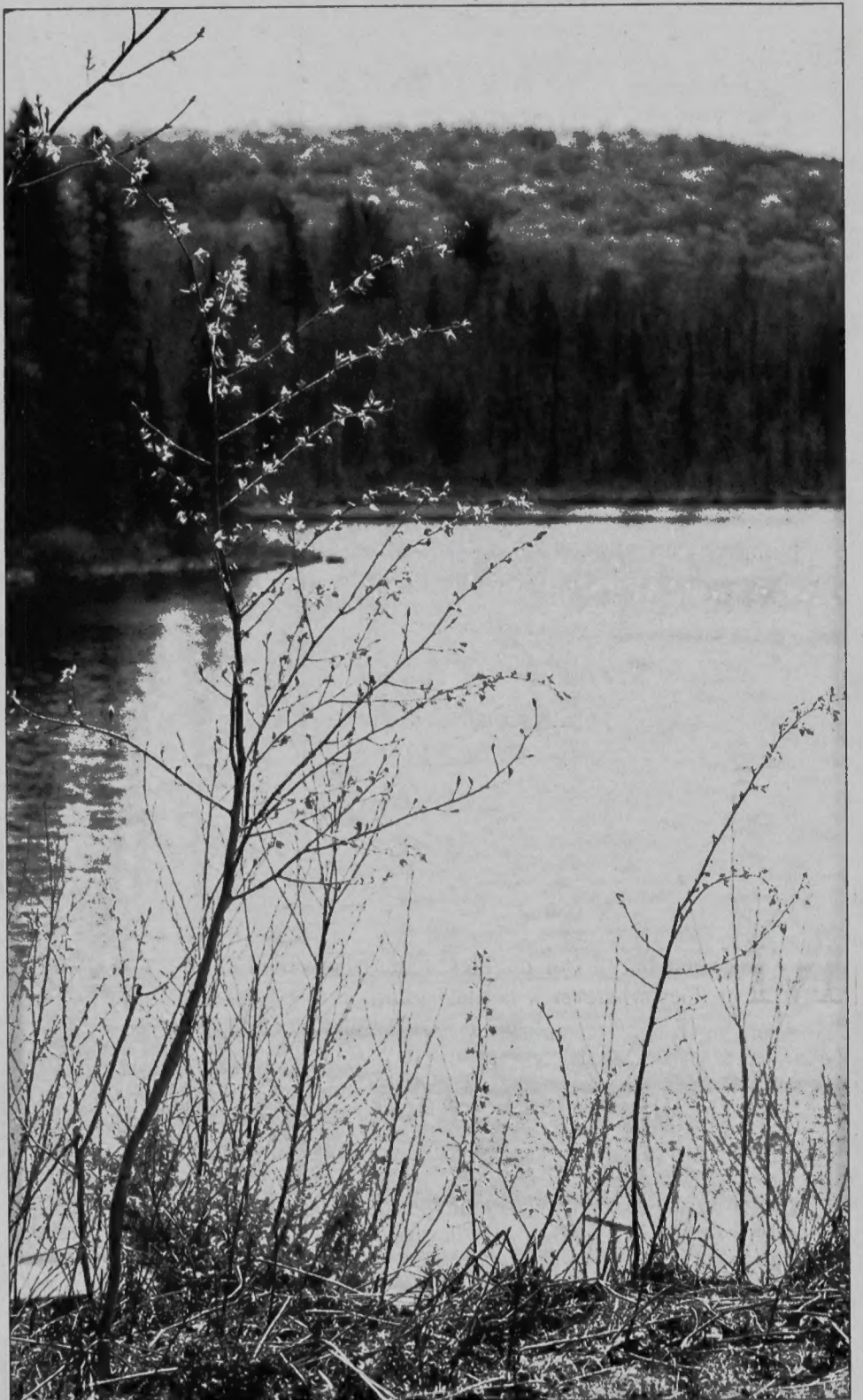
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Kinark retreat.

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Kinmount rallies behind diabetes patient

To the Editor:

Moira Brandon is a woman in her early 50s who recently had to have her leg amputated below the knee because of her battle with diabetes. She and her doctors have been fighting for four years to save her leg, but alas, she had to give it up for the greater cause of saving her life.

Moira was born and raised in Kinmount. She has always been an active and respected member of her community. Whether her work with the youth, a family in need, a community project that needed help, all knew that a simple phone call

would enlist her help.

Because of her battle with diabetes, Moira has had to move out of her family home because it is not handicap friendly. She has had to ask friends for assistance with transportation, meals, housekeeping, etc. I am sure that many of you will appreciate just how much frustration and anguish she has had to endure these last months. The loss of her independence being one of the worst.

There is a benefit dance being held for Moira on May 20, at the Kinmount legion, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., age of majority

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Timing is everything

LAST WEEK I received an ornate wedding invitation from a dear cousin of mine. Of course I was excited and elated, especially since it was her and not me getting married. But, after reading the fine print, I have to admit that I'm now more than a little concerned, too.

The invitation says she's getting married on the opening day of bass season. I can only pray that this is a typo - a horrible, horrible typo.

If not, what does this say about the character of the young man she's betrothed to? Let's face it, if he doesn't love her enough to say, "Hold it, that's the opening day of bass season!" the marriage is doomed to fail even before it begins.

I believe that every marriage should be based on commitment and honest communication. The fact that he is planning to break his commitment to his long-time fishing bud-

dies and is not honestly communicating with his wife-to-be about his reservations regarding getting married on the bass opener does not bode well at all. Where is the love?

Has he thought this through? Bass season, after all, is not an institution to be taken lightly. To make it succeed you have to give it 100 per cent and make it your priority. It's hard work. Call me old-fashioned but I still believe that when a man commits to this great pastime it ought to be till death doth you part and for better or for worse. You don't just forget your vows any time you think it's convenient. And, I'm not sure on this but I suspect that getting married on the opener might constitute some form of polygamy in

several southern states. At the very least, it's unseemly.

The sad truth is that the groom is going to have to miss every wedding anniversary from here on in. Oh sure, for the first few, when they are still newlyweds and sickeningly in love with each other, he'll probably invite her along, maybe even buy her a flipping stick as an anniversary gift. But that will fade quickly and all that will be left is a lingering resentment from guests like me whose wives forced them to attend a wedding on the opening day of bass season.

It'd be different if the reception was at a stocked pond or near some good smallmouth water. In fact, they don't even mention bass season at all on the invitation. Talk about a breach

of etiquette.

Oh sure, it says, "The sun, the stars, the earth and all of God's creatures join His divine plan for the universe..." Obviously, they don't really mean it though, since everyone knows that His divine plan includes opening day of bass season.

The only good thing about this is that the ceremony is at 5 p.m., thus leaving time for both the bride and groom to fish the morning bite. Maybe this will help them salvage the day.

Still, I'm not taking any chances on their happiness. Right after I finish this column, I'll do the right thing and phone them both. Hopefully, I'll be able to talk them out of it and, if need be, even offer to pay for counselling. After all, true love can wait.

If I didn't try that at least, I just don't think I could live with myself - on that day.



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

God save quiet of spring

Most of the time the little stream burbles or babbles or does whatever it is that brooks usually do and then, unexpectedly, it burps.

The brook starts somewhere on land rising above Big Bob Lake's east side and then makes a hard right when it comes to the cottage road.

It makes its turn into something far more glorious than a mere ditch, climbing down the roadside incline in little steps, making a series of waterfalls in miniature.

Then it takes a hard left and tumbles through the culvert from which it sometimes burps, flowing gently until it gushes, spitting a mouthful of water out of the culvert's end.

It is not at all like the sucking sound high water makes pushing its way into the dented culvert on the road to the sugar shack at Sapsucker Ridge.

If you stood there near Big Bob for long enough on this soft spring morning you might finally figure out what makes the brook burp, but some kinds of beauty make understanding seem superfluous.

On this last Saturday in April it is enough just to stand with The Brown Dog Jiggs, listening to the burp punctuate the babble, making sentences and then whole paragraphs out of it.

It is a gift from old Queen Victoria that she waited until late May to be born and left late April quiet before the celebration of her birthday washes great waves of cottagers over the Haliburton landscape.

There are cottagers enough on Big Bob on this April day, their cars tucked into driveways that were snow-covered only weeks ago, but a quiet that is almost reverent envelops us.

Voices carry from far up the lake. There are snatches of bird-song, a boat's first ride of spring, a hammering off in the distances, but mostly there is tranquility.

Jiggs and I go walking, watching nature build up momentum. The first shoots poked through the leaf thatch in maple season and now almost every day brings some new flower into bloom.

The ground is spotted with the brown-spotted green leaves of trout lilies, so thick in places that from some angles the forest floor looks like a grassy meadow.

They live in ancient colonies of clones, spreading by underground runners as often as by seed. Yellow

blossoms droop over the greenery here and there, but it takes years to accumulate enough surplus energy to produce a flower and so most trout lilies won't bloom this spring.



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Perhaps by the time you read this, the carpet of trout lilies will have begun to wither. High above them, tree tops lime-green with waiting in the April sun, begin to cast leafy shadows over the forest floor, shading out the flowers of early spring.

The beds of trout lilies are energy sinks for the trees; without them our forests would have to find some other way to endure. The cycle goes like this:

Tree leaves drop in autumn.

Bacteria break down tree leaves in winter, releasing nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorous.

Trout lilies gobble up all of that good stuff before it can wash away in the spring runoff, while the trees are still sleeping.

The trees awake to over-shadow the forest bottom in May and the trout lily leaves die back, putting the nutrients the roots can't store back into circulation.

Awake now and leafed out, the

trees draw up what the trout lilies left behind and the virtuous circle of life is complete.

In among the trout lilies, once there were hepaticas and now there are spring beauties. Purple trilliums bloom; on reflection, a first violet seems like a remembered mirage until Jiggs and I find another.

Spring marches inexorably toward summer. The nights are full of frog song. Great honking flocks of geese pass overhead, skitter across pond surfaces in mock flights meant either to seduce or intimidate.

The Brown Dog Jiggs and I stand near a cliff edge looking at a treetop at eye level. On Saturday, leaves furl, fuzzy-edged; one open just enough to show its maple shape.

By Monday, the first day of May, the forest canopy begins to close us in. The light begins to change and so does the sound; the woods begin to lose their echoes.

The Brown Dog and I sit outside in early evening, me in a spavined lawn chair reading about Benjamin Franklin, Jiggs flat on his side in the new grass, dreaming dog dreams.

I slap at my first mosquito, but then there is a perfect stillness. Jiggs groans contentment.

Dance raises funds for community friend

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only. Admission by donation.

There has also been an account set up at the Cobocok CIBC: Transit number 01742, Account number 73-83339. So if

you can't get to the benefit dance and still wish to contribute, you can go to any CIBC and show your support.

I can tell you that it has been difficult convincing Moira that her friends want to help her at this time in her life. Not only

because we all love her, but, because it is an opportunity for the community to "give back" some of the help Moira has so generously given over the years.

I would like to take this time to thank all the businesses and friends who have

donated many prizes, hall rental, food and time to making this a successful benefit.

So please come out to the dance and have a great time, show your support and say hi to Moira.

Lynne Johnston,
Norland

Scouts' honour



Pitching in

Far left: Christopher Trask and a friend proudly compare their finds as the 1st Minden Beavers cleaned the streets of Minden. Above and left: Aiden Garbutt helps the cleanup, and does it wearing gloves for safety. The work is an annual event, according to leader Robert "Hawkeye" Orłowski. "Just before the May 24 weekend, before the tourists come up, we try to clean up our community."

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No programs cut as councils lower tax rate

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Hills budget, specifically the mill rate decrease, will mean that "taxpayers in Minden Hills who look at property assessments increases between zero and 42 per cent will actually recognize some savings in their property taxes."

Algonquin Highlands CAO Lorne Mitchell is hoping that similar news from his township's budget will be well received by ratepayers.

"I'm hoping that ratepayers will see it as a good news budget," says Mitchell. "Quite frankly, how could you do better? I think we all realize that with the costs of living and the costs of running the operation as a business continue to increase, it is a balancing act to try and continue to provide the same level or an expanded level of service, provide some really good major road construction projects, keep moving forward in the environmental and technological areas as we have and still hold the line."

A dollar-to-dollar comparison of the 2005 and 2006 tax levies for both Algonquin Highlands and Minden Hills suggests a lot of blood letting on the townships' floors. The Algonquin Highlands tax levy shows an increase of only \$3.29 while in Minden Hills, a comparison of

the 2005 and 2006 tax levy reveals a decrease of \$165,179.

"What I told the department heads was, 'the amount of money you had in 2005 is the amount of money we have in 2006 so we have to make it work,'" says Mitchell on how the

monies to meet our priorities and still hold the line."

Further south in Minden Hills, Oyler explains that they, too, were able to decrease the municipal tax rate while maintaining, "no cuts to services or programs within the municipality."

"Overall, we didn't have to do a great deal of slashing and burning at those meetings [between the finance committee and the township's department heads]," he says. "I was pleased with the effort that department heads came up with initially to try and recognize where I was coming from."

"Had we kept the Minden Hills tax rate the same as last year, it would have generated an additional \$1.4 million for Minden Hills for this year," says Oyler. "Obviously, we could have put that money to good use on all kinds of new and different wonderful things, but by the same token, for those of us who don't agree with the current method of assessment...I made a commitment last fall to reduce the tax rate for property owners across Minden Hills."

So, while both Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands are pleased with their budgets for this year, next year, property assessments will increase again and the juggling act will continue. The 2007 budgets are only a year away.

"Overall we didn't have to do a great deal of slashing and burning"

PETER OYLER

township held the line. "We got council's new priorities and then we juggled funds from other areas that we won't have time to address this year."

Mitchell notes that, although a dollar-to-dollar comparison shows no increase from 2006 over the 2005 budget, spending has increased by more than \$575,000 from last year. But, he says, an equal amount of new revenues were also added to the 2006 budget, having come mainly from provincial funding, infrastructure funding and gas tax revenues.

"We really didn't cut things," adds Mitchell. "We realigned service provisions and realigned

School doesn't anticipate problems

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classroom.

Trillium Lakelands is already considering 'contingency plans' if there's a strike. This includes cancelling events such as year-end trips that could require a supply teacher. As well, they are looking at reassigning regular and specialty teaching staff and relying on volunteers to ensure safe classroom and schoolyard supervision.

Harpell says that if supply teachers do strike, she is confident her school and students "will be fine."

"I don't anticipate problems. I may have to be in eight places at once, but I know everyone will work together, and we will get through it."

Doris Monahan, chairperson of Trillium Lakelands' board of trustees, says ETFO has chosen a particularly bad time to threaten a strike and hopes a settlement can be reached.

"We are disappointed that ETFO has chosen to potentially disrupt end of school year activities for our students. We remain hopeful that this issue will be resolved very soon at the bargaining table."

Parking fines may toughen

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

Robert Young, representing the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee, appeared before Minden Hills council last week to update them on the committee's recommendation that the township begin enforcing disabled parking violations on private as well as public property.

Currently, said Fraser MacDonald, the township's chief bylaw enforcement officer, the township can issue tickets only to people who have inappropriately parked in disabled parking spots on public lands. The township, he added,

cannot enforce private property disabled parking violations unless the property owner gives prior consent in a site plan agreement.

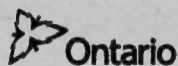
Citing two sections of the Municipal Act, Young said that the advisory committee believes the municipality did have jurisdiction over such matters and that the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee would like the township to begin such enforcement.

At Councillor Peter Oyler's behest, MacDonald is reviewing the relevant legislation, particularly the two sections cited by the advisory committee.



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MPAC defends its assessment techniques

by LANCE CROSSLEY
Times Staff

A representative from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation came to the defense of the beleaguered organization by saying that the quality of its services exceeds international standards and that property owners are generally content with their assessments.

"The level of complaint in this entire

region – and there are 140,000 properties in the region – is very low," says Evan Brown, a municipal relations representative for MPAC. "We are trending less than we were in 2004, so that tells me there is quality in our product. People are relatively satisfied with their assessed value. That's the only inference you can make."

Brown made the statement at Haliburton County's "Municipal Day" at the Delta Pinestone Resort on Friday,

where he revealed that preliminary results indicate the amount of formal protests filed over property assessments in Haliburton County is down from 2004.

There was, however, an increase in the number of requests for reconsideration – an informal complaint process that requires no fee and is handled by MPAC internally. Brown attributes this to an unusually active market in the past two years and the fact that the process is of no personal cost to the owner. He also says that this represents only about 3 per cent of the total properties in the area.

Brown's defense of the organization comes in light of a recent scathing report from Ontario ombudsman André Marin, in which he heavily criticized MPAC for having "an exaggerated sense of the quality of its product."

"Never in the 30-year history of this office have so many complaints been received in so short a period about a single public agency," wrote Marin. "Our office was inundated with protests from disaffected citizens—more than 3,700 of them."

Marin went on to say: "They complained because they see MPAC's assessment practices as fundamentally unfair. I am not persuaded that all of the problems are as deep as some believe, but there are real problems that need attention."

The ombudsman also lambasted MPAC's "unhealthy commitment" to its computerized system of mass appraisals, which some say are too general to allow for price variations within a given neighbourhood.

"Some within MPAC are rigidly committed to its mass appraisal models," wrote Marin. "They apparently do not like when its results are challenged."

Brown, who has a background in statistics, says that MPAC's property evaluations consistently surpass the standards set out by the International Association of Assessing Officers.

Marin also criticized what he called the organization's "habit of secrecy", saying that MPAC makes it difficult for taxpayers to access information. He also reported that many complainants were frustrated by not being able to get through to a regional officer who knew about their specific assessment.

Brown concedes that there is room for improvement in the customer service realm and that the organization is taking steps to address the problem.

"I think the ombudsman is listening to property owners and he is trying to respond to their concerns," says Brown. "Is there room for improvement? Absolutely. And we are making strides to do that."

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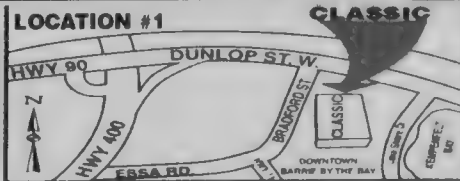
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Are your mirrors adjusted?

Changing bad habits

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Is there a right way to adjust mirrors? Yes! Current driving experts now recommend adjusting the rearview mirror so that it covers the rear window. Then, the driver's side mirror should take in the view from the extreme left of the rearview mirror's image, while the passenger side mirror must pick up the view from the right of the rearview mirror. Once it's set up, the driver won't have to turn his head more than a few centimetres.

If you've never tried this method, you may feel uncomfortable at first. This method, it's true, requires a certain amount of practice. And there will still be some blind spots, especially in vehicles where the roof design doesn't provide easy visibility all around. That's where a small round mirror that can be attached to the outside mirror can help. It will provide a more "panoramic" view of what's behind the car. This type of mirror is especially practical for trucks when the rear window is blocked by a load, the truck cap or a trailer.

Whatever happens, remember that if you can see the sides of your vehicle in your exterior mirrors, they are certain to be incorrectly adjusted. New adjustments will require a certain period of ... adjustment. But it is worth the effort.



The passenger side mirror must pick up the view from the right of the rearview mirror.

Rims maintenance

Most modern vehicles come with superb rims. Like the rest of the car, they require a bit of maintenance. Unfortunately, they are too often neglected, especially if you have the habit of washing your car at a car wash. The rotating brushes and the high pressure jets don't necessarily provide an in-depth cleaning for wheels.

This is where special products and special brushes will be helpful, especially in the spring. In fact, winter will have left traces of salt in the spokes of the rim and only conscientious human intervention can really clean it.

And even if your small economical car isn't equipped with nice rims, it will still have painted steel rims that will be damaged in the long run. These wheels can be easily repainted with spray cans that you will find at car dealers or auto parts stores. Before repainting, you must sand the wheels, clean them, and perhaps even straighten out the edges (where there is major damage, consult an expert in rim restoration!). Tape well around the tire if the rim isn't removed. Don't believe that paint won't stick to tires. It will!

If your nice, aluminum-base rims are damaged, it's best to consult a company with expertise in straightening a bent wheel or repairing a broken rim. But the damage should be relatively moderate. There's no miracle that can fix wheels when a whole flange is missing!



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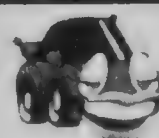
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So that your vehicle consumes the least energy possible, maintenance

must be looked at, starting with a verification of tire pressure. An underinflated tire will cause enough friction to create a higher gas consumption.

Then, despite the fact that modern cars and trucks require less maintenance than ever, if the vehicle has several years of use, it would be wise to do an inspection. For more recent vehicles, changing air filters will help. As well, at the next oil change, opt for a lighter weight of oil, such as 5W30, which demands less effort than the thicker

10W30 oil.

If your car's trunk is full of more or less useful items, including winter accessories, empty it. All this dead weight will not help with fuel savings. Finally, change how you drive. Aggressive behaviour behind the wheel will show in higher gas consumption. Try to combine your various tasks to avoid using the car or truck several times in a day. And if errands can be done on foot or by bike, take advantage of the chance for some exercise ... and save fuel!

What should you do if your engine overheats?

Modern vehicles come with a generally complete instrument panel that includes an engine temperature gauge. Do you cast an eye at it from time to time? It's usually in the spring that older cars and trucks start to overheat.

If you can make it to a service station, there's a good chance that the mechanic will discover a defective radiator that needs replacement. How does he know this, especially since it isn't leaking? By simply touching the fins between the tubes. If they are soft or flake off easily, there's nothing else to do. It needs a new or rebuilt radiator.

But if the problem

occurs while you are on the road or on vacation, and the radiator will last a few more kilometres, first reduce the engine heat by turning the heater fan on high. The small radiator in the heating system could dissipate a bit of the heat. Open the windows wide! If you can increase the engine speed (while travelling, rather than slowing down) and you notice a slight reduction, try to continue your trip. And if you really must continue your trip, do it at night when it is cooler (only if the gauge remains at a reasonable level). But once you arrive, don't delay and above all, don't believe that it will fix itself.

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SUVs or minivans, the owner will almost certainly use the roof rack. Again, be careful! There is always a sticker to indicate the maximum load the rack can carry.

For most occasional travellers, the addition of a luggage rack on the roof of a small car is the ideal solution. But once more, be careful not to overload it! And make sure that everything is well placed! Above all, change how you drive. Be less abrupt and check your load regularly. Be doubly careful on very windy days since a load on the roof will be hit even harder by the wind!

Car care is a win-win!

For most Canadians, driving a vehicle has become a necessity. Many Canadians are concerned about the environmental affects this can have. Many wonder how can we teach our children to value the environment and still depend on our vehicle? The answer is through regular vehicle maintenance, or Car Care, says Car Care Canada.

Properly maintaining your vehicle is a win-win situation. Besides helping the environment, a properly maintained and operated vehicle runs more efficiently and economically, is safer, and should last up to 50% longer. The following tips can put you on the road to environmentally conscious car care.

Keep your engine tuned-up - a misfiring spark plug can reduce fuel efficiency by as much as 30%. Follow the service schedules listed in the owner's manual. Replace filters and fluids as recommended. You'll help cut down on air pollution too.

Check tires for proper inflation. Under-inflated tires waste fuel because the engine has to work harder. Similarly, wheels that are not properly aligned (as evidenced by the uneven tire tread of vehicle pulling) also rob energy. And, properly maintained tires last longer, meaning fewer scrap tires have to be disposed of.

Do-it-yourselfers should dispose of used motor oil, anti-freeze/coolant, tires, and old batteries properly. Many repair facilities accept these items, and many of these items are now recycled. Call your local government for recycling sites. Never dump used oil or anti-freeze on the ground, in your local sewage system, or in streams.

If you are not a do-it-yourselfer, find a

good automotive technician. Ask friends and associates for recommendations. Check the shop's reputation with your local consumer group.

Keep your air conditioner in top condition and have it serviced only by an automotive service technician certified competent to handle/recycle refrigerants. Air conditioners contain CFCs and other gases that have been implicated in the depletion of the ozone layer. These gases can escape during improper service and repair, so it is important to choose a qualified technician.

Good driving habits are also important. You can get the most out of your vehicle while minimizing environmental damage. Here are some fuel saving tips:

- Observe speed limits. Fuel consumption rises sharply with high speed.
- Drive gently. Avoid sudden accelerations and jerky stop-and-go actions. Use cruise control on open highways to keep speed as steady as possible.

- Avoid excessive idling. Shut off the engine while waiting for friends or family. Today's vehicles are designed to "warm-up" fast, so forget about those five-minute warm-ups on chilly spring or fall mornings. One minute should be enough.

- Remove excess items from the vehicle less weight means better mileage.

- Plan trips. Consolidate daily errands to eliminate unnecessary driving. Try to travel when traffic is light to avoid stop-and-go conditions. Join a car pool.

Remember, how your car runs, how you drive, it, and how its fluids, old parts, and tired are disposed of affects your vehicle, your maintenance costs, and the environment.



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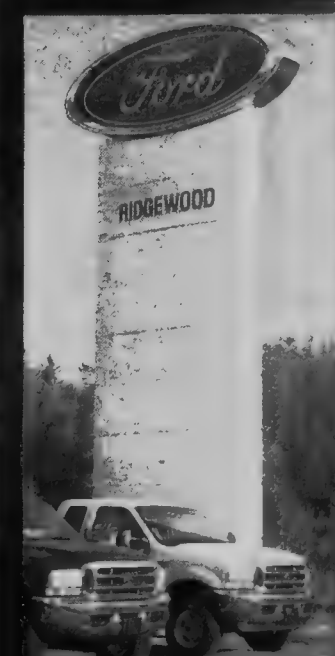
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Tips on helping you to chill out and save

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If you have an older car, it may be possible to convert your air conditioning to R-134a. Ask your car service provider about conversion kits. If not, you should be aware that R-12 is no longer being manufactured. While stocks are available, their use is tightly controlled and a great deal of care is taken to prevent leaks and spills to protect the ozone layer. A number of provinces completely prohibit the use of R-12.

You should have your air conditioning system checked at least once a year to make sure it has no leaks, seals and belts are in good shape, and it's running efficiently. As it cools, the air conditioning system also take moisture out of the air. The air conditioning is usually coupled with the windshield defrost so that is will clear the window more quickly.

There is always a concern when you walk towards your car and see a pool of something underneath. In summer, don't panic - your air conditioner takes water out of the air, and it drains onto the ground. So if you have been driving with the air conditioning on, and then you park, you will probably see the water draining from the air conditioner as you walk away and a puddle under your car when you return.

If the puddle doesn't look like water, then it's okay to panic.

Some people are concerned about the fuel economy penalty of air conditioning. It's true that when you use the air conditioning at full blast in city driving, you pay a price - perhaps as much as a 15 - 20% increase in your fuel consumption.

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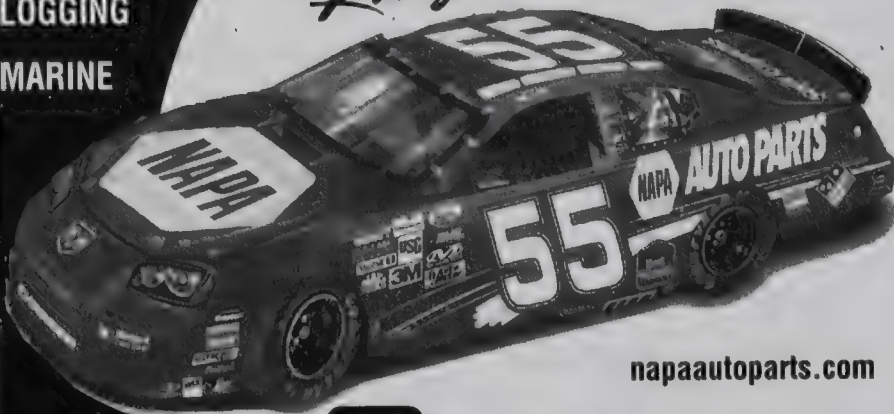
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Laurie Carmount, the curator of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, is already neck deep in art – and she still hopes more is coming. She invites people to donate art they no longer like to the gallery. She'll hang it on the wall, or put it on display, and then invite the public to buy it on May 27 and 28.

Gallery is neck deep in art

... but it needs more. Donate your unwanted art and then buy other people's castaways

by LAURIE CARMOUNT
Gallery Curator

Look around your home. Are you tired of what you see? Are there paintings and other pieces of art which you would like to say good-bye to and make some money at it?

Art is a funny thing. It touches us in so many ways and reflects who we are. But things change and what art you have may not feel right anymore, but it's a shame to just chuck it in the dump or put in a yard sale. And closets can only hold so much!

The Agnes Jamieson Gallery understands completely. We are clearing our walls and emptying the gallery for everyone to bring in their tired art. Anything goes from the black velvets to prints to sculpture, paintings, wall hangings etc. It doesn't need to be framed. We sell it for you, anonymously, with a 35 per cent commission fee, and you receive the rest.

Artwork can be dropped off at the

Agnes Jamieson Gallery (176 Bobcaygeon Road) during business hours Wednesday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. starting now until the day of the sale.

Now let's think of the flip side to this. You've brought in art you are bored of and your walls look a little bare. Or you have redecorated or just moved and are looking for something different. Great! Come to the OFF the Wall Sale and buy something new! Remember someone else's unwanted items are another person's treasures. (And velvet paintings are very hip!)

We want all the work off our walls with this sale starting Saturday May 27 at 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. to Sunday May 28 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.. It's not an auction, so first come first served! Enjoy refreshments and music while you browse.

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Archie Stouffer ES students took part in the annual Jump Rope for Heart recently to raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada. Above, Alain Grisdale shows off his skills as a solo jumper while, at right, Tyler Gilligan and Sasha White show their skills as a duo in the school gym.



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County to host healthy activity event

Planning for Canada's largest Celebration of Trails is underway to be completed for August

Autumn 2006 is the target for the first annual Celebration of Trails which will promote healthy active lifestyles and opportunities for local residents to become involved in physical activity on east central Ontario's Trails.

The celebration will include existing and new trail events that take place in the City of Kawartha Lakes, Hastings, Haliburton, Peterborough, Northumberland and their surrounding areas. Taking the lead for the Celebration of Trails is the Kawartha Lakes Community Futures Development Corporation (KLCFDC) in partnership with the Eastern Ontario Trails Alliance (EOTA).

Trail, health, tourism and community organizations; municipalities; businesses; and event organizers who are planning events on the trails from September to November are encouraged to register their event with the Celebration of Trails. Events participating in the celebration will have the opportunity to post their event on the Celebration of Trails website which will provide a link to their own website as well as have their events featured on promotional materials.

For those who would like help with their existing event or are planning a new event, a "How to Create a Successful Trail Event" workshop will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., on May 10 at the HHOA Fish Hatchery on County Road 1.

The 2006 Celebration of Trails is sponsored locally by the Haliburton County Development Corporation and the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network. "With all the work that has been done and is being done on Haliburton County's trails it is important that we create opportunities for local residents and visitors to get out and enjoy our trails. The Celebration of Trails will help develop and promote those opportunities," says Andy Campbell of HCDC.

Lindsay Elder, executive director of the Trails and Tours

Network says that "The Celebration of Trails supports one of the Network's new strategic priorities, that is, to develop unique experiences on trails. The Celebration will also raise the profile of events such as the Hike Haliburton Festival and the IB&O Trail Mixer."

An event strategy and business plan for the Celebration of Trails has been completed thanks to funding from the Eastern Ontario Development Fund that is administered by Industry Canada/FedNor. Implementation of the Celebration of Trails is being funded by the provincial government's Communities in Action Fund, the Ontario Trillium Foundation, six Community Futures Development Corporations and several community partners.

Anyone interested in more information on the Celebration of Trails, registering their event, or enrolling for an Event Development Workshop, Contact Michlyne Murphy at 705-328-0261 mmurphy@kawarthasmallbusiness.com or visit www.celebrationoftrails.com.

For more information contact:

Andrew Wallen - General Manager for the Kawartha Lakes CFDC 705-328-0261 awallen@kawarthasmallbusiness.ca

Barrie Martin - Project Consultant for the Celebration of Trails 705-754-3436 barrie.martin@sympatico.ca

Cindy Cassidy - General Manager of the Eastern Ontario Trails Alliance 613-478-1444 info@thetrail.ca

It is no surprise that Haliburton County has been chosen to co-host Canada's largest Celebration of Trails event with neighbouring areas. Hike Haliburton and other successful events have long promoted healthy activities in the county. Photo by Darren Lum.



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Golf advice: overcoming the bad shots

Be patient and don't get distracted

The scene: you have an important shot to make! Breathe deeply, don't hold your golf club too tightly, and take your swing with the same rhythm as usual. When done calmly, the result is much better.

Be patient, concentrate, and don't be distracted!

It sometimes happens that other players move or talk while you're getting ready; if that's the case, stop and begin your preparation again; this will cause them to be quiet and you'll be able to concentrate better on your shot.

Be honest

Don't cheat, it's not worth it: you may perhaps improve your score by two or three shots, but you will lose your reputation. And if you manage to win a tournament by cheating, the complaints will be even bigger, and your reputation will be tarnished for a long time, if not forever.

Think positive

Regardless of the obstacle in front of you, whether it's an enormous sand pit, a lake, or something else, think instead about the green and visualize your ball landing close to the flag. The last thing your brain will remember is the green. It's better to tell yourself... "my ball will be near the flag", and not... "my ball better not go in the lake". In the latter case, there's a good chance it'll end up there. Try and you'll see.

Forget your bad shots

There's nothing more negative than thinking about the bad shot you just made; chase it from your mind. Force yourself to think only about what you're going to do and you will have a better chance to make up for your mistake.

Be curious

You have problems with certain aspects of your game? Watch the strong players, examine their techniques, and above all, don't hesitate to ask for advice from the pro, who will surely know how to help you fix your problem. Your game can only get better.



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You must also learn to control your emotions because when the pressure's on, you risk having erratic performances. If you aren't in top form, you'll realize at the end of the day that, even if you're not really tired, you may not have played so well on the final holes. When you're in shape it's not a problem.

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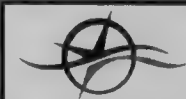
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Second annual Water Festival makes learning about nature fun

by RICK WHITTEKER
Special to the Times

A chinook of excitement rushes out of the front door of the school bus. Students, parent volunteers and teachers gather outside and are briefed on what they are about to experience at the Haliburton-Muskoka Children's Water Festival.

Each adult is assigned a small pod of students who visit a variety of activity centres over the course of the day. At each centre they will learn about a specific detail related to water. For example, the students learn about aquifers, how a septic system works, how much water is wasted by running the tap while brushing your teeth and how to protect fish habitat. More than 30 activity centres are strategically located throughout the Kinark Outdoor Centre's property, a great location for schools coming from Muskoka, Haliburton and the Lindsay area.

Tremendous time and money resources have been put into this festival to create interesting and fun learning activities

which cover the themes of water science, protection, conservation, technology and attitudes. Each activity has links to the Ontario curriculum helping teachers meet learning standards, and many centres cover water issues related to this region, however, more importantly, they are also fun.

For example, the centre Bugs in the Mud allows students to explore the strange creatures that live in the Benthic Zone of lakes. With a representative of the Ministry of the Environment, students identify these creepy crawlies and learn that they are important indicators of a lake's health. Lather Up is a very visual display effectively comparing how much water we use relative to our pioneer ancestors. Back during the time when all water was hauled by hand, one bath a week was the norm. Using two shower stalls, students don ponchos and rubber boots and stand under the two showers, one with a low flow shower head the other without. Water is collected under each stall and compared stimulating good dis-



Visiting various stations throughout the Kinark Outdoor Centre, children enjoy hands-on lessons about the natural world around them.

cussion around past water use and present conservation.

Using an ingenious aeration tower, Mother Nature's Respirator is an activity for older students. Learning to use a dissolved oxygen meter, students measure oxygen in water at various levels of a simulated water fall. This activity facilitates learning around how water is oxygenated, helping students understand the physics of natural gas diffusion and how plants and animal respire. However, the "most popular centre award" goes to the engaging Just Dam It. The students are asked to stop a flow of water using sticks and mud creating enough of a pond to reach the "golden trees". In addition, a creative use of props like flippers, a chisel, a bottle of oil, a pair of goggles, a sink plug and a "No Trespassing" sign are shown to students to see if they can make the connec-

tion between these human objects and beaver adaptations. These activities are designed to generate discussion about the important role the beaver plays in the forest ecosystem and how they survive in their watery world.

By the time the students head to the buses their heads are full of information connected to water. They haven't been just told or shown, they have been active participants in their learning. To quote Confucius, "I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand." This experiential learning approach is what the Haliburton-Muskoka Children's Water Festival is all about: a great day of activity and learning for kids and adults too.

The first Children's Water Festival was held at Kinark last September. This year's event is in the fall. For more information, contact Kyla Greenham at 457-9664.

Bridge closed in Burnt River

A construction detour will cause the closing of the north bridge on City of Kawartha Lakes Rd. 44 in Burnt River. Construction will begin on Tuesday, May 2 and last through the week.

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The Dorset Seniors Club is hosting its annual All You Can Eat 4-Course Spaghetti Supper and Auction on May 9 starting at 5:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door and are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 10 and under. Please bring your own dish and cutlery. The Dorset Seniors building is on Hwy 117 west of Main Street. For more information, contact Sandra at 705-766-9483.

Tickets are now available for the annual Dorset Volunteer Fire Department's Pig Roast and Dance. The date is Saturday, May 27 at the Dorset Recreation Centre and the cost is \$30 per person. Please call Donna Keul for tickets at 705-766-9253.

Allie is willing to come to Dorset early to start summer yoga classes if 10 people will commit to attending the five Fridays in June. If you are interested or would like more information, please call the Recreation Centre at 705-766-9968. The cost is \$65 for five classes.

A local group is putting together information on the history of Girl Guiding in Dorset for the local museum. Anyone with information, mementos or photos to share can contact Ruth Ross, Millie McEachern, Joanne Buss or Doris Macdonald.



DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano
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The Dorset Recreation Centre is looking for a day camp counsellor to work at this summer's day camp program. The successful applicant must have their NLS certification. The Recreation Department is also hiring a summer recreation assistant to deliver summer programs throughout the Township of Algonquin Highlands. Send resumes to The Dorset Recreation Centre, Box 99, Dorset, Ontario, P0A 1E0 or e-mail them to drc@vianet.on.ca

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Birthday wishes for the week of April 30 to May 6 go out to John Shephard, Veronica Anderson, McKenzie Drinkwater, Craig Woods, Shallon Dukoff, Sue Schiedel, Jasmine Dukoff, Kayla Leslie and Mary Spielbergs. Celebrate and have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please e-mail me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

Rent increase sees W.I. on the move

by RITA BAIRD
Minden Women's Institute

Hanna welcomed us to her home April 19 for our annual meeting. On a lovely Spring day it was a delight to meet fellow members and returning snowbirds.

March minutes and year-end financials were read and approved. Dues were collected and Irma's yearly card report given. One-hundred and forty-three cards were forwarded throughout the community. Well done, Irma.

Hanna then advised us of having received a letter notifying us of an increase in the rental of the meeting room at the Jamieson Cultural Centre and her subsequent letter of response. We are a small non-profit women's organization whose fundraising works, since 1907, have been donated to the community. This increase unfortunately depletes our finances toward such contributions.

After much discussion, it was suggested we offset our meeting room expenditure by further attendance at member's homes, as well as the Jamieson Cultural Centre. Beryl Henderson then gave a concise and excellent paper on convenor topics throughout the past year.

On Thursday, June 1 our Branch will be hosting the W.I. District Meeting in Minden - more details in May.

Elections were then held. All members enthusiastically acclaimed their return to office and agreed they do a wonderful job. All positions were duly filled and we look forward to another good year ahead as we work toward our W.I. Minden Centennial Celebration in 2007.

The meeting adjourned & a lovely tea was served by Hanna and Clara. Everyone thanked Hanna for her warm hospitality, & leaving her office as Treasurer with a healthy balance. A job well done.

Next meeting is at Bea's home on Wednesday, May 17. Please join us for a friendly welcome. Call 754-1656

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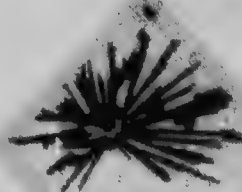
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Pioneer, the gas station and convenience store on Hwy. 35 in Minden, held a charity BBQ to aid Ontario children's hospitals on Saturday. The event was sponsored in cooperation with the IGA, ValuMart, and Minden Electric. Above right, Mary Ottaway was dishing out hot dogs and hamburgers amid perfect spring weather. Chantelle Townsend, above right, gives eight-year-old Melanie Graves-Howard a make-over at the face paint station. At right, Dawn-Marie, 9, and Stephen Mansi, 10, have a little fun for the camera.



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Young writer from Toronto wins flight over county for herself and two friends

by PAULINE JOHNSON
Special to the Times

Two of the young winners in The 4th Annual Writing Contest, Teghan Dodds and Sachi Schott, opened the awards reception at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery last Saturday, reading from their winning works. Over 40 people, some from as far away as Winchester, near Ottawa, came out to receive awards, to listen to readings and to mingle with Haliburton writers. Very impressed with the quality of the young people's writing, the judges had nothing but praise.

Sachi Schott, winner of the fiction category for the Grade 11 and 12 level, read a segment of her story *The Bone Collector*. Fiction judge Stephen Patrick noted, "The Bone Collector shows significant imagination, a good ear for dialogue, and an ability to take very large conceptual risks: all very useful, if rare, attributes. The writer is to be congratulated for her ambition — and for the technical skill and dexterity to accomplish a very satisfactory result."

Sachi was awarded a flight over Haliburton from Stanhope Airport and will have her sister and a friend accompany her. She also received her choice of a book from Scholastic Press. Living in Toronto, she spends a lot of time at her cottage in Haliburton. She is an avid reader.

Teghan Dodd's poem, the winner in the Grade 7 and 8 category, elicited high praise from judge Lea Harper. Harper

commented, "Teghan's poem, *Pieces of Life* begins with: 'I am a dream for all to tell' and immediately draws us in to her vision of our shared existence on this earth. With a loving hand and an almost pagan affinity to the natural world, *Pieces of Life* merges self and other, subject and object in loving communion. Teghan has given us more than just a lovely poem; she has reminded us of our relationship, our oneness with all creation."

Teghan's prize is a week at Medeba Summer Camp where she will experience many adventures including rock climbing. She also received a book from Scholastic Press. Teghan is a student at Archie Stouffer Public School.

Cameron Bradley and Ben Young, winners in the non-fiction category (Grades 9 and 10 and Grades 11 and 12 respectively) were unable to attend the presentation. They are both from Minden.

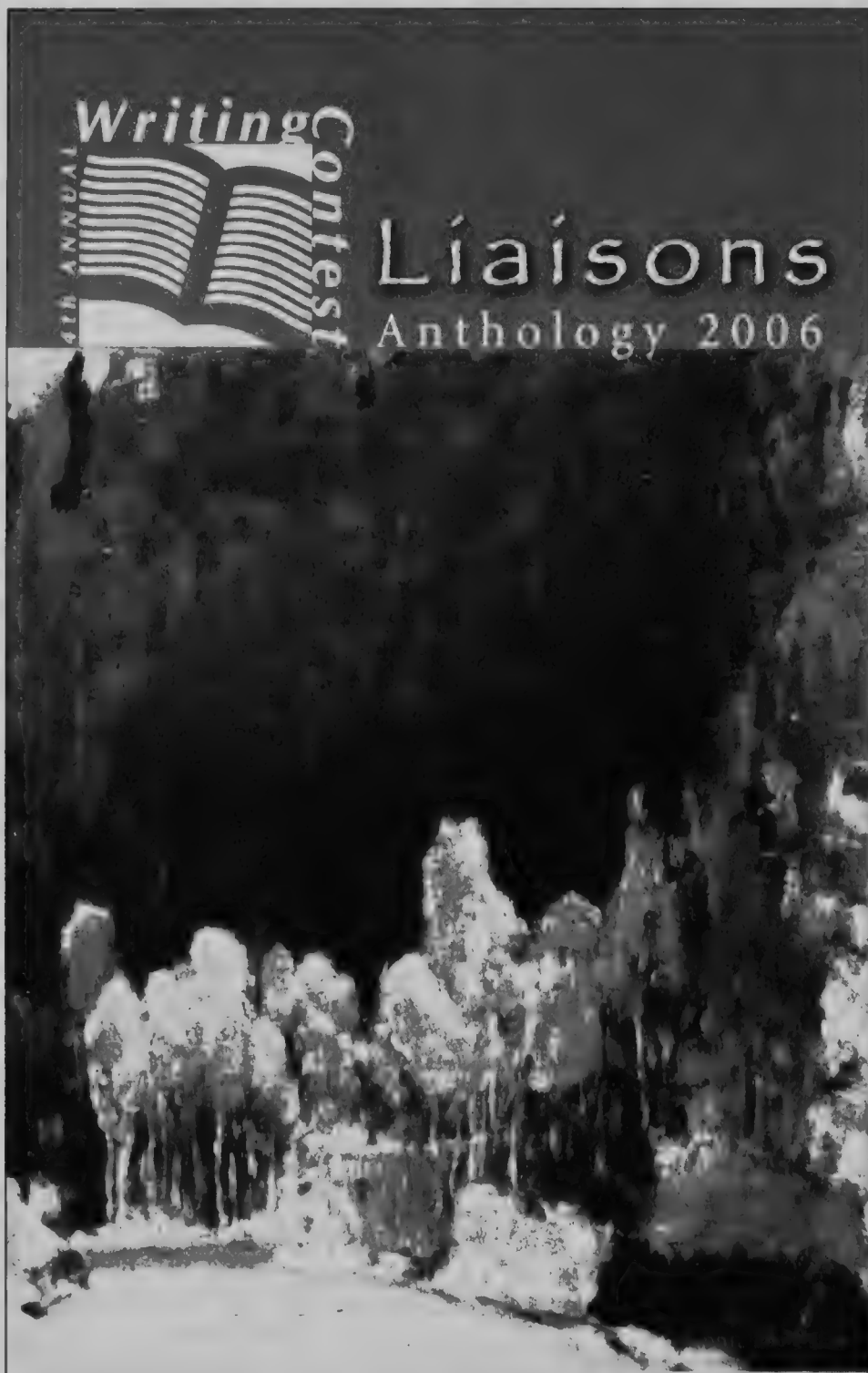
Cameron's essay *Sudden Death Overtime* ended with an interesting spin and earned him a \$30 prize from Friends of the Library as well as a book from Scholastic Press. Ben Young's non-fiction piece, *The Trials and Tribulations of Getting the Gig* shared some interesting realities from behind the scenes. Ben won a beautiful book donated by Sharon Lawrence, *A Natural History of Canada*. This was written by the late R.D. Lawrence and was recently revised and reissued. Ben also received a family membership from Trails and Tours as well as his and her t-shirts.

Their works, along with those of the other winners, are published in the 2006 anthology called *Liaisons*. Copies may be purchased at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery for \$6. The anthology was made possible this year through the generous contributions of the Haliburton County Development Corporation and the Haliburton Branch of the Retired Teachers of Ontario. Many individual patrons also

offered their help thanks to Klara Oyler's canvassing. All of their names are recorded in the volume.

Connie Jamieson, a writer from Port Perry was the winner of a week's course at The Haliburton School of the Arts. Lea Harper said, "Connie Jamieson has used precise and elegant language to craft, in

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NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAW NO. - APPLICANT - Borelia Project management RZ -05-16

TAKE NOTICE, that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills passed By-law No. 06-036 on the 27th day of April, 2006 pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended.

AND TAKE NOTICE, that only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the By-law by filing with the Clerk of the Township of Minden Hills, not later than the 23rd day of May, 2006, a Notice of Appeal setting out the objection to the By-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied with the fee prescribed under the Ontario Municipal Board Act. An unincorporated association or group may not file a Notice of Appeal. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or group on its behalf.

Note: If the last day of appeal falls on a holiday, appeals may be filed on the day following that is not a holiday.

THE PURPOSE of the amendment is to amend the zoning category of land, located in the geographic Township of Minden, at Part of Lot 2, Concession 4, from Rural (RU) Zone to Highway Commercial (C3) Zone pursuant to By-law 86-26 and Highway Commercial (C1) pursuant to By-law 06-10.

THE EFFECT of the zoning amendment is to permit .

THE LAND affected by the amendment is shown on the Key Map below.

A copy of the complete By-law is available for review at Minden Hills Building and Planning office, during regular office hours.

Ms. Elinor Kernohan, CMO, CMM
Planning Administrator
May 3, 2006

Key Map

Township of Minden
Part Lot 2, Concession 4
Zoning By-Law 06-10 - From Rural (RU)
Zone to Highway Commercial (C1) Zone
(36m x 63m)

Township of Minden
Part Lot 2, Concession 4
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NOTICES

Writing contest continues to grow as fourth annual gets double the entries

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the traditional rhyming style of Tennyson or Keats, a poem about the final stages of life. Without undue sentimentality but with a keen eye, *Metamorphosis* names the season parallel to our grief, revealing how nature answers the call; and in one last lilting breath, transforms energy to spirit."

Lauree Laing, a playwright from Winchester, Ontario received strong words of praise from the judge of the short play category, Michael Fay. He stated, "The clever premise of the play is captured in the title — a support group for the typical supporting parts in British comic theatre. The staging was creative, the dialogue witty, and the effect was slyly humorous. Bravo, we have a winner!" Lauree won \$100 and a year's membership in The Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network.

Taking prizes in two major categories, this year's big winner was Wendy Ladurantaye. According to the fiction judge, Stephen Patrick, "Her story *Say Goodbye Uncle Joe* is written with confidence, humour, and a very good sense of the rhythms of friendship. The reader is carried easily through Uncle Joe's final journey: the characters are nicely shaded, and the ending is satisfactory. Congratulations on a deceptively effortless performance."

Wendy received \$100 and a year's membership to the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network. For her second winning work *Don't Forget My Birthday*, she was awarded a season's pass to The Highlands Summer Festival. Non-fiction judges, Reg Holloway and Jim Poling Sr., felt she had successfully conveyed a very personal and emotional response to a world catastrophe.

There were eight winners. In addition, 12 entrants won honourable mention, some for more than one work. Recognition went to Pat Brown of Minden for her short story *Maryanne*; to Jennifer Sharp of Stanhope for her short story *Le Métro*; to Graham Ducker of Oshawa for his short story, *What If...*; and to Marci Mandel of Minden for her moving piece of fiction, *Annie's Story*.

Tiina Heathcock of Dorset received honourable mention for her poems in the chill of November cloud-shade and always; Claire Sylvan of Haliburton for her poems



Sachi Schott read from her short story "The Bone Collector", which won top prize in the student short story category for grades 11-12 at the 4th annual writing contest. Photo by Lance Crossley.

Beltane and Milkweed; Riscylla Shaw of Minden for her poem *The River*; Mark Sidworth of Carnarvon for his poems *Free Verse to a Good Home* and *Hector, the Black*; and Merle Amodeo of Oshawa for her poems *85 Applewood Avenue* and *The Rosary*.

Deborah A. Rankine of Oshawa won honourable mention for her non-fiction piece *Simple Abundance*; Sonya Proctor of Minden for her non-fiction work *Horse Sense*; Graham Ducker of Oshawa for his non-fiction story *The Great Morson School Kindergarten Autopsy*. Everyone

read a segment from their works and Kathy Purc of Minden, a prolific writer of family tales, wrapped up the presentations with a humorous interlude from her work *Living on the Popcorn Road*. Those who received honourable mention were asked to choose a volume from a selection of poetry books donated by Brick Books.

This year's contest was coordinated by The Agnes Jamieson Gallery and The Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network. Support from Friends of the Library was greatly appreciated as was the donation of prizes from local businesses, organizations and supporters.

Thanks go to Dianne Graham, director of The Minden Hills Cultural Centre for her ongoing assistance with the contest; to Laurie Carmount for her help and the creation of the cover for the anthology; to the distinguished judges — Stephen Patrick, Reg Holloway, Jim Poling Sr., Lea Harper, Michael Fay and Helen Allore; and to HHWEN for a donation for refreshments. Thanks also go to Kay Millard for her assistance in distributing and selling the anthologies; to Kathy Purc for helping to set up the awards table; and to Sue Irwin and Sandy Valentine who provided some delicious treats and beverages for the reception.

Words of praise abounded for the county's efforts on behalf of writers. With almost double the entries this year, the contest is rapidly growing, giving Haliburton County writers the opportunity to test their mettle against excellent writers around the province.




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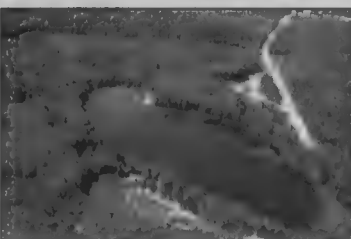
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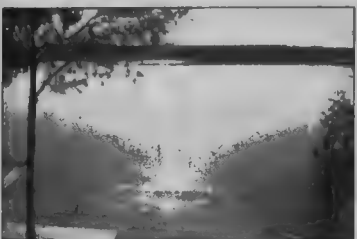


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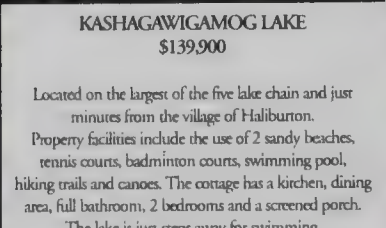
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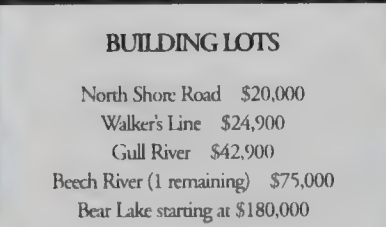
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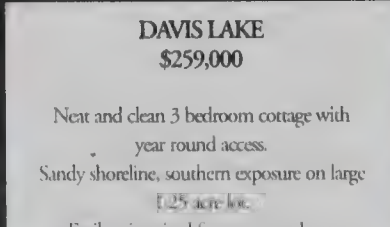
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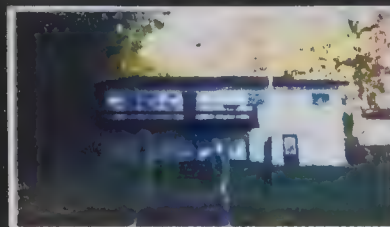
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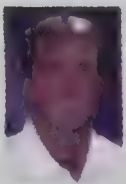
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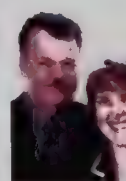
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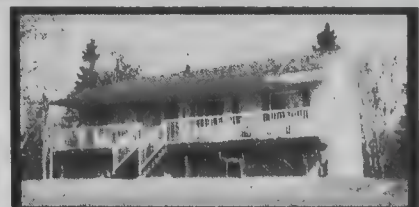
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Sign up for Haliburton Reads

Exciting plans are underway for a county-wide Haliburton Reads gala in the fall.

If you are currently a member of a book club in Haliburton County and would like to be a part of this gala, which will feature a dinner and a special author, contact one of the following to register your club — Jessie Pflug at 489-3024 or info@stouffermill.com; Elly Malcomson at 489-1759 or jimelly@interhop.net. Only one person from each book club need call with the names of their members who would be interested in attending. This event is being run by The Haliburton Bookers Club and The Haliburton County Friends of the Library Committee.

The Gaia Centre is offering a workshop entitled The Vision Quest — A Contemporary Look at an Ancient Practice. Come spend an evening with Doug Aldworth, exploring the mystery, intrigue and adventure of this most ancient of human customs, the vision quest. If you are looking to deepen your relationship to the Earth — the Sacred Other, or feel you are at a crossroads, looking for clarity, the vision quest is a powerful tool for resolving, and moving on from old patterns and ways of being.

This workshop takes place at the Gaia Centre (www.gaiacentre.org), off of Barry Line close to the Stanhope Airport, May 13 from 7 to 9:30 pm. Come pre-

pared to be outside for at least part of the evening.

"No human escapes being human. We must all face the ecstasy and agony of the human experience. Life is filled with transition; growth is characterized by change. Humans must pass from one life stage to another." (From The Trail To The Sacred Mountain, by S. Foster and M. Little) If you have any questions, please call Doug at 705-457-5522 or e-mail, washaquon@hotmail.com

On May 15, Matthew Fox will be featured in an event entitled Creativity, Spirituality & Sustainability from 9:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.. Renowned theologian, author and educator, Fox, talks about the necessary components for the reinvention of work, education

and worship. After lunch, take 1 of 5 arts as meditations programs. The day closes with conversation with Matthew Fox.

This event uses a reinvented model of education designed to awaken the inner artist for social transformation. The location will be the West Guilford Community Centre. Fee: \$100. For more details and registration forms, see www.gaiacentre.org

To submit any item of interest to this regular weekly column, please e-mail bpjohnson@sympatico.ca or call (705) 489-3878. Share what you know about what's happening in Stanhope, what Stanhope residents are up to or how you enjoyed a particular event or gathering.



STANHOPE LIFE

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Learn the proper way to keep your kids safe in the car

Parents who struggle with children's restraint systems - or car seats - can head to Minden for the answer on how to install the seats properly.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is hosting a car seat safety clinic on Tuesday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to noon. It will be at the Ontario Early Years Centre on Bobcaygeon Road (the Sears building) in Minden.

A certified children's restraint system technician will check that your child car seat is properly installed. Information on car seat safety will also be provided.

At previous car seat clinics in the area, Health Unit staff found that four out of five child car seats are not installed or properly used.

"This is a cause for concern, especially when children are so vulnerable to injuries in a motor vehicle collision," says Angela Andrews, a health promoter with the HKPR District Health Unit.

She encourages expectant parents to plan ahead for their new arrival by attending the clinic and ensuring their child's car seat is properly used and installed. Parents or caregivers whose children are going to move into the next children's restraint system stage (forward-facing child car seat or booster seat) are also strongly urged to attend to have the new seat inspected.

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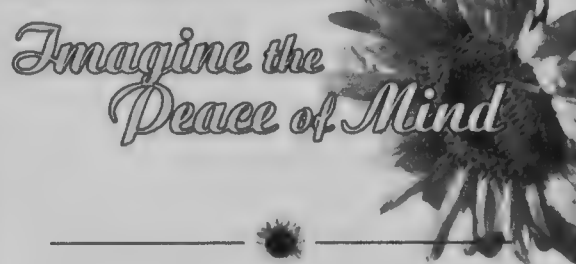
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The Highlands Outdoor Educational Development program at HHSS hit the firing range last week to test their shooting skills. Students in the class have earned their FAC (Firearms Acquisition Certificate) and got to test some rifles, shotguns, revolvers, and semi-automatic pistols. Top: Kevin Bowman, Brendan White, and

Mike Toye take aim. Above: Toye prepares to fire a Browning semi-automatic pistol. Below: McKye Shaw and instructor Derek Little listen to directions, Danny Fowler does target practice with some clay pigeons, and Kevin Bowman lines up his paper target.

Photos by Casey Lessard



Ladybugs and softball – it really must be spring

I couldn't resist any longer. This past Saturday was pansy planting day and at last some colour greets from their cheery upturned "faces" out in the garden barrels. The end of the birdseed supply has attracted many new sparrow-like birds to the feeder and kept me busy looking up their special features in the bird books. Tonight the evening air is filled with sound courtesy of the spring peepers chorus at the pond. Amidst this spring reverie one question remains: What is with all these darn lady bugs again?

Registration for the Kinmount softball and soccer programs, open to boys and girls ages 4 to 13 years, will be held this Saturday, May 6 from 4 - 7 p.m. at 20 Bobcaygeon Road, Kinmount. The cost is \$30/player for both sports combined or \$20/player for one sport only. For more information please contact Carole Jones at 488-2123 or Lorraine Turcotte at 488-3070.

The next meeting of the Galway & Area Ratepayers Association will be held on Saturday, May 13 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Galway Hall. The theme will be emergency services and important information will be provided to assist residents in both dealing with emergency situations and how to prepare ahead for the possibility of such an event. These meetings also provide the opportunity to interact with council representatives about current issues.

The Friends of the Kinmount Library is sponsoring a children's art workshop with local artist Mary Lou Rober on Saturday, May 13 at 1 p.m. in the lower level of the library. This program is for children ages 6 to 12 years. The workshop will be limited to 15 children and pre-registration is required. Registration can take place during library hours: Tues. 4 - 8 p.m., Thurs. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sat. 1 - 4 p.m. until May 9. Book now to avoid disappointment.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

April 25 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: For the gents Harold Harvie was high and Gene Newell low while Betty Hicks led the ladies and our reporter Barb Carpenter was low. Kevin Maloney won for lone hands and Tom Grix took home the draw prize.

April 25 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: George Hamilton and Moe Briscoe teamed up for first place at 432 with Grace Barrack and Belle Walker next at 328. In third at 308 was the duo of Marj Hamilton and Sandy Poulton while Hazel Dorman partnered with Paul Poulton recorded the afternoon low of 188.

April 25 contract bridge at Stanhope: There were three Slams going to Betty Schlotter and Dave Heaven, Betty again with Harold Cox and Dave again with wife Jan. Stan Hill led the high scoring quartet at 6680 followed by Betty Schlotter 5380, Dave Heaven 5320 and Jan Heaven 4840. Pearl Foster won the lucky draw and Frank Schlotter the Shiny Penny with Stan Hill receiving the M.T.H.T.G. Award as Minden Takes Home The Gold.

April 25 bid euchre at Minden Legion: Pat Scadden reports that top spot went to Trudy Kroes at 296 with Albert Foster next at 292 and Len Kroes a close third at 291. Holding hidden scores were Rose Isaacson, Elva Paisley, Kay Naylor and Verna McDonald with Helen Henderson, Elva Paisley, Tom Grix, Edith Burch and Isobel Cherwenka taking the moonshots.

April 26 duplicate bridge at Parklane,

Haliburton: Playing the Howell method in first place were Stella McMillan and our bridge reporter Ross Fletcher with 71%. Second high honours went to Muriel McIntosh and Margo Davidson at 60% while Rita Lockhart partnered with Ev Vanderland were third at 53%.

April 26 bid euchre at Stanhope:

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Moonshot makers were Edith Burch, Pearl Cowen, Marion Farr and Tom Pearson. Marnie Butler led the pinks at

277 then Marj Coffey 267 and Sharon Evans 255. For the whites Peter Farr was high at 279 with Rob Evans 270 second and Percy Butler 259 third. Everyone at the Stanhope Club would like to thank Rob and Sharon Evans for all the time they have given convening this popular event over the past few years. Their many friends hope they will continue as players but their smiling faces will certainly be missed at the front of the hall.

April 26 Kinmount Seniors euchre at Kinmount Legion: For the ladies Thelma Francis was high and Mildred St. Thomas low. Our reporter Theresa Deak was a triple threat winning for high man, lone hands and the draw with Roger Fournier recording the men's low.

April 27 euchre at Minden Legion: In the lone hands column it was Shirley Kuni and Cliff Davison with Gala Stamp and Don Hicks recording the high scores. The evening's lows went to Kay Naylor and Laura Carnegie while Helen Luffman [2], Gala Stamp, Leroy Mowat and Margaret Fletcher won the other prizes.

April 28 bid euchre at Club 35: Moonshots landed on Chris Clarke, Nelson Case, Jean Dutka, Marjorie Cowen and Tom Pearson. Jean Dutka topped the pinks at 298 then Marjorie Cowen 267 and Jean Randell 257. First for the whites at 341 was Chris Clarke followed by Peter Farr 322 and Nelson Case 266 with Betty Wagar holding the hidden score.

April 29 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Moonshot quartet members were Thelma Francis, Gala Stamp, Albert Foster and Margaret Fletcher while Wayne Jones, Pearl Cowen and Gala Stamp took the draws. High score holder for the pinks was Thelma Francis at 327 with Pauline Franzen 274 second and Margaret Fletcher 263 third. June Branning led the whites at 255 with Theresa Deak 254 a close second and Jesse Barlow 248 third.

May 1 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were Marion Stickwood and Wayne Jones with Mabel Deacon and Ken Rowden recording the afternoon's highs. Pat Millard won for low hands with Lorna Hicks and Bill Mosley taking the draws.

May 1 cribbage at Minden Legion: In first was Ann Candall with Don Burch second high and Joe Rivers third. Other prizes went to Pat Scadden, Elaine Shapiera and Edith Burch.

May 1 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Pauline Franzen took top honours with Marjorie Paradis second high. Roger Fournier, Eileen Shepstone and Marjorie Paradis [2] had moonshots with Eileen also winning the draw.

May 1 euchre at Club 35: For most lone hands Janice Gray took the prize with high scores going to Mary Pearson and Robert McIvor. Lucille Dean and David Lamb recorded the lows and Jean Randell took home the baloney.

May 1 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Winning for high hands was Maria Tschida, for lone hands Don Jemmett and for low hands our reporter Elaine Yeo. Drawing for the special prize Luverne Stewart managed to pull out her own name much to everyone's delight.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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- **May 2:** Ontario Early Years Minden Family Supper Night is taking place with children 0-6 years. While enjoying a nutritious meal with your child and other families join us for Family Fitness. Energizing activities for everyone in the family to do together. Families that play together stay fit together. Please call to register by Mon., May 1, at 286-1770.
- **May 2:** Ontario Early Years Haliburton – Early Literacy Specialist will be joining us at 11:00 a.m. to offer a fun and entertaining circle time with the Very Hungry Caterpillar. Learn easy and fun ways to encourage the love of listening and reading in your home. Call 457-2989 for more info.
- **May 3 to 31:** Ontario Early Years Haliburton – Baby Sign Language is being offered in a five session workshop series. Bring your baby with you to learn hands-on how you can introduce this method of communication with your child. Starting Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Please register at 457-2989.
- **May 4:** Ontario Early Years Minden – Early Literacy Specialist will be joining us at 11:00 a.m. to offer a fun and entertaining circle time with the Very Hungry Caterpillar. Learn easy and fun ways to encourage the love of listening and reading in your home. Call 286-1770 for more info.
- **May 4:** Ladies Fellowship (formerly L.I.F.T.) Thurs., 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the West Guilford Community Centre. Annual Mother/Daughter/Friend evening. For more info call Lyn at 457-3155 or Alice at 754-2808.
- **May 5:** Ladies join the Haliburton Highlands Women's Golf League on Friday, May 5 at Wigamog Inn, 7 p.m. at the Icebreaker Tee Social Evening & Registration. All levels of players are welcome to join. For more info. call Mary Lou at 455-9266.
- **May 6:** Haliburton Dance Arts – 2 shows, 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. Tickets still available and can be picked up at M&M Meats, Haliburton (Assigned seating). Fundraiser for Haliburton Dance Arts. All proceeds to Parents Fundraising Committee for Costumes.
- **May 6:** S.E.A.L. presents displays, presentations and discussions on the environment, energy, alternative health, Project Porchlight etc. Sat., 2-4 p.m. Everyone welcome. Followed by a potluck dinner and our AGM till 7 p.m. Lion's Hall, Main St. Bobcaygeon.
- **May 7:** Hike for Hospice. Spring into spring and get active on a 6 km hike of the Head Lake Trail or 1 km walk in the Sculpture Forest. Raise pledges to support SIRCH Community Hospice, 100% of all funds stay in the community. Registration 12:30 at Fleming College, hike starts Sun., May 7, 1:30. Refreshments, entertainment, draw prizes. For registration form go to www.sirch.on.ca/whats_new.php or call 457-1742.
- **May 9:** The Haliburton Highlands Handweavers and Spinners invite you to their monthly meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month. 1:30 at Pritchard House, Minden. Program Silk Farming with SuWan from Wild Orchard Farm.
- **May 10:** Beginner Tai Chi starts Wed., at 1:15 p.m., Lloyd Watson Centre, Wilberforce. First Class is free. Call Wilma at 457-1909 to register. Note: The Taoist Tai Chi Society is a registered charity and all instructors are volunteers.
- **May 12 to June 6:** Rails End Gallery – Local artist Karen Sloan featured at the gallery. Opening reception Sat., May 13, 1-3 p.m.
- **May 15:** Beginner Tai Chi starts Mon., at 9:30 a.m., United Church Hall, Pine Street, Haliburton. First Class is free. Call Maria at 457-2200 to register. Note: The Taoist Tai Chi Society is a registered charity and all instructors are volunteers.
- **May 15:** Beginner Tai Chi starts Mon., at 7:00 p.m., Hyland Crest Auditorium, Minden. First Class is free. Call Ginny at 489-2996 to register. Note: The Taoist Tai Chi Society is a registered charity and all instructors are volunteers.
- **May 20:** Kinmount United Church will present their annual 'Hot and Cold Buffet' supper on Sat., May 20 at the Kinmount Community Centre starting at 4 pm. Tickets are available at the door. For more information call 488-2129 or 488-2014.

- **Ontario Early Years Haliburton – Developmental Screenings.** Book your time with a Public Health Nurse from HKPR District Health Unit for your child's growth and developmental screening. It's an easy and reassuring way to see if your child is on track! Call to book an appointment at our OEYC Centres – Haliburton 457-2989 or Minden 286-1770.
- **Haliburton Highlands Concert Series** – Get your Series Tickets (3 concerts). Sat., May 13 – Ensemble Vivant; Sat., Oct. 14 – Natalie Chouquette; Sat., Nov. 4 – 4 hands, 1 piano. For info. Call 457-9731.
- **Now until May 9:** 'You Can't See Me' – Kirsten Johnson exhibiting at the Rails End Gallery. The work in this exhibit was developed in response to a friend who had lost her sight. It is a 'touchy-feely' show where the viewers can actually touch some of the artwork.
- **Now until May 27:** 3 Graces Remembered – Exhibition at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. View lovely 18th century drawings from Charlotte Price, Anne Langdon and Catherine Reynolds.
- **Community Care** is looking for Brokered Workers to take care of housekeeping chores for seniors and disabled adults. All brokered workers are screened through our volunteer screening process. For more info., or to become a registered brokered worker, call Roxanne at 457-2941.
- **Al-Anon Meetings** – Are you affected by someone else's drinking? If so, Al-anon may be for you. Haliburton Highlands Meeting, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., St. George's Anglican Church (side door entrance), Haliburton; Minden Al-anon Meeting, Mondays, 8:00 p.m. at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home meeting room (north entrance), Minden.

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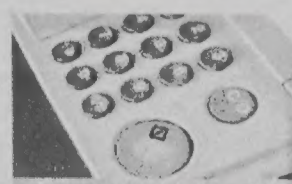
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Garage Sales

Garage Sales G100

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Haliburton County Fair
Gigantic Yard Sale
Minden Fairgrounds
Bobcaygeon Road
May 13th at 8:00 am
Rain or Shine! 10136270

Minden Kin Club 50th Anniversary Yard Sale
May 20th, 2006 at 26 Prince Street. Donated items for the Yard Sale accepted "NO bed mattresses or box springs". Drop off dates May 6 and 13, between 10:00am to 2:00pm at 26 Prince Street. "ALL YARD SALE PROCEEDS TO CYSTIC FIBROSIS" 10138099



Regional Systems Manager Niagara Region

Job Outline:

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Technical Expertise:

The applicant must have a solid working expertise in the following:

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2. Experience with LAN and WAN technologies, including VPN
3. Working knowledge of Citrix server administration
4. Working knowledge of publishing software including (Adobe Creative Suite, Quark, ALS, layout8000, Quickwire, Quicktrac) would be an asset

Newspaper/Publishing Experience

1. 5 years newspaper/publishing support experience
2. 2 years manager and technology coach

Related Work Experience

1. Network administrator
2. Systems manager

Please send your resume to:

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Production director, Niagara region
Osprey Media LP
17 Queen Street
St. Catharines, Ontario
L2R 5G5
pmckeon@stcatharinesstandard.ca

Deadline: Friday May 5, 2006

General Employment

A800

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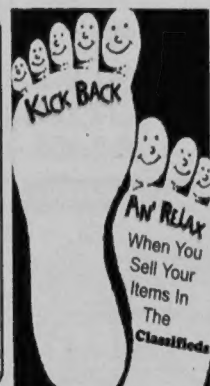
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General Employment

A800

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Coming Events

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3:00 pm

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Coming Events

A940

2ND ANNUAL REDHAWK/REDMEN ALUMNI CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

DATE: Saturday, May 20, 2006
(Rain Date: Saturday, June 17, 2006)

STARTING TIME: 11:00 a.m. arrival -
12:00 p.m. shotgun start

LOCATION: Martin Wood Resort and Golf Club,
Harcourt, Ont.

COST: \$100.00 per person (Includes 18 holes, a
cart and dinner - all gratuities included)

NOTE: 1) All Martin Wood Golf Course rules apply (attached).
2) There is reserved spaces for the first 100 persons who call, so book your spot ASAP (reservations of either groups of 2 or 4 would be appreciated)
3) All profits from the day will benefit extracurricular activities at HHSS.

CONTACT INFORMATION: All golf reservations are to be made through Derek Little at one of the following areas:
Phone # (work): (705) 457-2950 ext. 513
E-mail: derek.little@tlds.on.ca
Fax # (work): (705) 457-4026

Deadline for reservations is Sunday, May 14, 2006

Coming Events

A941



Come Hike with Us!
Sunday, May 7th
Hike starts at 1:30 pm
Rain or shine

Support SIRCH Community Hospice

Collect pledges and join us for a hike on Head Lake Trail or Sculpture Forest Trail.
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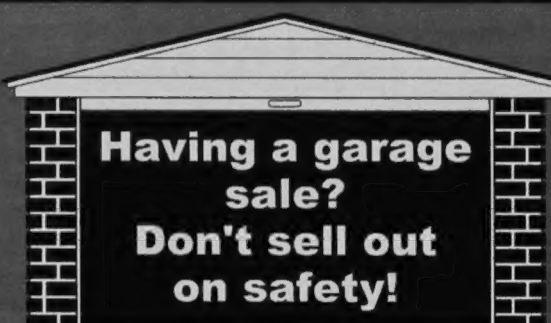
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Coming Events

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Haliburton Highland Field Naturalists
Sunday May 14, 2006
Join us for an early spring walk to Cooper's lookout. Meet us in the parking lot on Northshore Road at 10:00 am. Call Sheila 754-2532 for more info

BASIC MOSAIC WORKSHOP -
By Judy Breau
Monday May 1, 8 and 15, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Agnes Jameson Gallery. \$40.00 per person. For adults who would like to learn the basic concepts of mosaics this workshop is flexible and easy to do. Basic kit supplied. However, if you wish to have mosaic done on a particular object, or if you have ceramics or glass you wish to use- you are encouraged to bring them along. Three consecutive Mondays will be needed to work through the complete mosaic. To register call 286-3763. Deadline for registration is April 28th.

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Northern Lights Pavillion

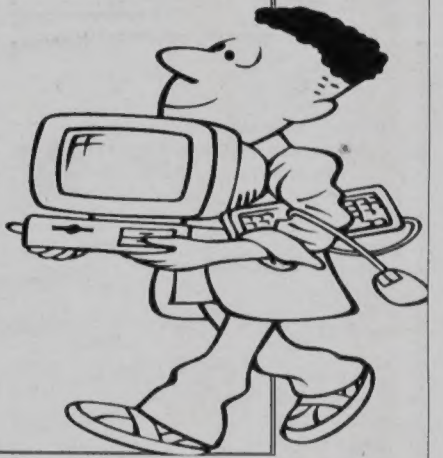
Wednesday, May 10

7:30 pm

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Large and Small Groups
Everyone is welcome to attend
Admission by donation at the door

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Announcements

Births

LAPORTE, Aidan - Maureen Jennings of Minden (Gelert) welcomes with love, her first grandson Aidan Edward James Laporte, born at Lindsay Ross Memorial Hospital on Thursday, April 20, 2006, at 6:37 a.m. weighing 6 lbs. 7.5 oz. Proud parents are Samantha Pearson and David Laporte. First grandson for Jeannie and Junior Laporte of Cambray, Ontario.

10140108

Deaths

ROSE, Helen Campbell of Minden formerly of Markham, passed away peacefully in Newmarket of South Regional Hospital on Saturday, April 22, 2006 at the age of 78. Helen was the loving mother of Leona and Ernie Emmerton, Ray and Jennifer Rose, Lorraine and Angelo Imbriglio, Philip and Brenda Rose, Louise and Langis Morin. Loving grandmother of Jodi, Steve, Jennifer and Jay, Micheal and Denise, Steven, Lisa, Alison, Troy, Alex, Stephanie, Michelle, Daniel, Christine and Mark. Great Grandmother to Hailey and Adam, Chelsea and Evan, Avery and Taylor, and Quinten. A memorial service will be held at **Low and Low Funeral Home**, 23 Main St. South, Uxbridge 905-852-3073 on Thursday, April 27, 2006 in the chapel at 1:00 p.m.

10136037

Obituaries

ANTHES, Wanda - Peacefully on Saturday, April 22, 2006, at Woodford Lodge in Woodstock, Wanda Anthes, beloved wife of the late Dale Anthes (2001), in her 88th year. Survived by her sister, Marie Green, her nephew Hugh McIsaac and his wife Gloria, sisters-in-law Glenna Smith and Doris Jackson and their families and Tom Anthes. She and her husband Dale were long time owners of Maple Sands Resort on Maple Lake and were fervent promoters of Haliburton, especially the expansion of the Haliburton Hospital. For many years Wanda was the Assistant Organist at Maple Lake United Church and an active member of U.C.W. A Memorial Service in memory of Wanda will be held at the Maple Lake United Church on Saturday, May 13, at 11 am. Those who wish to make a memorial donation in memory of Wanda, please consider Maple Lake United Church.

"I am convinced that neither death nor life, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" - Romans 8.

10139964

In memoriam

JOHNSON, In memory of a dear husband George Johnson April 23, 2003

Angels sang amazing grace. The Lord came down and touched your face, He held your hand and whispered low, "Come with me son it's time to go." When the gates of Heaven opened wide the Angels lined up side by side. A special gift was on it's way. The day the lord took you away You are missed everyday and loved always.

- Love Kathy (Kate)

10141374

Johnson - In memory of a great man, George Johnson, who was taken so suddenly from us April 23, 2003.

I never missed you more than I do now all my changes in life, I know you're there somehow The birth of my Olivia, her first strum of the guitar I know the family talent hasn't left very far.

Her interest in music is obvious to see Probably the same way you saw it in me I look at my daughter and wish you knew Just how much she reminds me of you Just like you

Dad, she's definitely the best Christina and I are both very blessed She's so outgoing and social too Everyone she meets loves her, just like you But I don't need to tell you, you see the same Every time she grabs at that picture frame She points at her Papa and offers a kiss No one can say that you're not terribly missed

Until we meet again Dad, we miss you.

- Love, Earl, Christina and baby Olivia

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Thank You Cards

Hicks - Dear Friends Thank you so much for coming to help me celebrate my surprise birthday. Thanks for the lovely flowers, gifts and cards. A special thank you to the hot flashes, all musicians carvers, card players, those who brought the delicious pot luck. Donna who made the delicious birthday carrot cake, and to my husband Gerry who kept it a secret. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

- Betty Hicks

10138007

We wish to thank all our friends and relatives for cards, gifts, and best wishes on the occasion of our 50th Anniversary. Special thanks to Mom for the cake and to our family for all their preparations making this day so special for us. We also thank our family for the trip to Ottawa for the Tulip Festival.

- Goldie and Beryl Henderson.

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Sunday, May 14th, 2006

for a

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1pm to 4pm

at

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We would like to thank all the businesses and individuals who
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and generously donated prizes to our dinner auction held
Saturday, April 22, 2006 at the Kinmount Community Centre.

You made this event a huge success
by helping us raise over \$5,000!!!

Thanks also for the support from all who
attended and all the helpers. Special thanks to Gord Tait,
Chef of the evening, Doug Pearson, Auctioneer
and **A BIG THANK YOU** to the Kinmount Lion's
Club who announced they are negotiating to purchase a property
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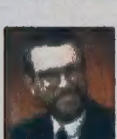


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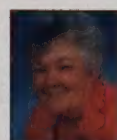
3 bdrm, WF home on Dark Lake in Wilberforce featuring country kitchen, FR with w/o, 2 irr. baths, huge split level master bdrm with w/o to deck & sunporch overlooking the lake, finished rec room w/bar & 2 car garage. Call Vince Duchene



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\$239,000

Gull River: Maintained & immaculate 3 bdrm, 2 bath, winterized cottage on picturesque level lot w/beautiful trees & floral gardens. LR w/fireplace & w/o to screened porch w/hot tub, spacious kitchen, main fl laundry. Waterfront w/retaining wall & dock. Miles of boating w/easy access to scenic Gull Lake or to Minden Village. Call Julie Gray

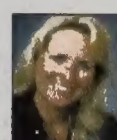
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\$227,000

Paudash Lake: Warm and charming Board & Batten cottage on Paudash Lake w/wonderful privacy. This bright & cozy 3 bdrm cottage is ready to enjoy. Beautiful view of the lake & mature trees from the wrap around deck & an entertainment deck at the waters edge. 18 Miles of waterway to ride your boat. Call Marilyn Hawley

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\$589,000

Beautiful Gull Lake Beckons! Custom built WF home/cottage w/open concept design, propane FP in LR, x-irg family DR, eat-in country kit, 3 full baths, 5 bdrms, full finished w/o bsmt & much more on nicely treed lot with sandy shoreline & Southern exposure. Immaculate throughout! Call Bill Kulas Check out the virtual tour at www.BillKulas.com

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\$440,000

Gateway to the Highland Hwy 35 on Gull Lk overlooking Moore Lk. Warm & cozy lounge, 2 dining rms, screened in porch, comm kit, office & 7 bdrms + sep. 1 bdrm loft. Lrg garage & bunkie. Call Lynda Litwin

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\$164,900

Horseshoe Lake Road: Lovely 5 bedroom bungalow on a private 1 acre lot just minutes from Minden. Call Rick Lowes

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\$169,000

Ironstone River: Winterized chalet-style cottage on popular canoe route. Newly renovated, just bring the groceries & turn the key. Priv. lot with perennial gardens. 12' x 8' bunkie. Call Karen Nimigon

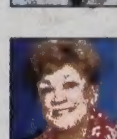
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\$429,700

Gull Lake: Sunsets on Gull Lake! Expansive western view featuring an island & 100' of sandy shoreline on a terraced lot with yr. rd. access. This 3-bdrm Viceroy is well kept, full insulated, winter water is easy to install for full 4-season use, floor to ceiling stone FP, & double garage. Call Elizabeth Thompson

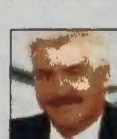
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\$685,000

New WF home w/3570 sq ft of living space. Open concept with cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors, 2 stone FPs, custom design kitchen, master bdrm ensuite, 4 bdrms, MF laundry. Call Ted Vasey

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\$179,000

Minden: Fantastic 3 bdrm. family home on town services features 1.5 baths, full basement, covered deck, entrance from Bobcaygeon Road or Prentissoka Heights. Call Melanie Vigrass

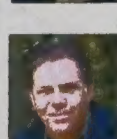
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\$199,900

900 ft of waterfront with 77.8 ac together with a 816 sq ft house. Very unique & interesting parcel of land. Must be seen to be appreciated. Call Frank Wilson

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